



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| PROJECT TITLE    | Read Annual Road Maintenance   |        |                |
| PROJECT LOCATION | 14800 Bowman Road, Cottonwood, CA 96022<br>APN#: 003-170-037-001<br>T28N-R6W Section 13, T28N-R5W Sections 7,<br>and portions of 8 & 18, MDB&M | COUNTY | Tehama         |
| LEAD AGENCY      | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)   |        |                |
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### Project Description

The purpose of this project is to provide a training site for TGU Heavy Fire Equipment Operator's (HFEO's) in the operation of a road grader and erosion control techniques. CALFIRE HFEO's will perform annual or periodic grading of seasonal roads on the Read property (privately-owned) located adjacent to the current location of CALFIRE's Baker Fire Station. Grading the existing roads will provide adequate access for firefighting equipment and resources, which directly benefits the State of California.

The project consists of grading approximately four miles of dirt road on an annual basis, or when field conditions warrant. The timing of the work year-to-year may vary, however the work will likely be performed in the spring months. The work will be completed by a qualified California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection HFEO utilizing a State-owned and operated road grader. The work typically will take eight to twelve hours to complete the 4 miles of road grading.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 §15301 (c) Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. No ground disturbance is expected other than would occur from normal road maintenance activities. Documentation on the environmental review completed by CALFIRE is kept on file at CALFIRE's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment.

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